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SINGAPORE TABLE TENNIS ASSOCIATION

SELECTION POLICY FOR DAKAR 2026 YOUTH OLYMPICS GAMES (YOG) 31 OCTOBER - 13 NOVEMBER 2026

1 TABLE TENNIS EVENTS (31 OCTOBER TO 5 NOVEMBER 2026)

- i. Men's singles
- ii. Women's singles
- iii. Mixed Doubles

2 PARTICIPATION PRINCIPLES BY IOC

All entries for participation shall be managed directly by the IOC in collaboration with the respective NOCs, IFs and Dakar 2026 Youth Olympic Games Organising Committee to ensure that the quotas are attributed in accordance with the principles and the athlete quota is not exceeded. The YOG Participation Principles serve to ensure that the following six (6) pillars remain the focus for athlete participation and quota allocation in all sports on the competition programme of the YOG:

- Universality
- Continental representation
- Strong African representation
- Host country representation
- Athlete performance
- Gender equality

Key principles

1. Ensure the opportunity for participation of athletes from the territories of 206 NOCs + Refugee Olympic Team (EOR) with a minimum of one (1) male and one (1) female in their delegation, where possible.
2. **There shall not be more than one (1) quota per NOC per event.**
3. Representation of all 54 African NOCs shall be prioritised by the IOC in

- their allocation of quota places. Where possible, all African NOCs will have a minimum representation with two (2) male and two (2) female athletes.
4. There shall be continental and host country representation, where possible, across each sport and discipline.
 5. There shall not be any qualification events organised by the IFs to avoid YOG-specific travel and cost for the athletes, NFs or NOCs.
 6. The IFs shall establish minimum sporting and eligibility criteria for participation in their respective events at the YOG. This may include participation and results in national, continental and/or international events to verify these criteria.
 7. The maximum age for participants will be 17 years old at the time of the Games, including up to the Closing Ceremony, with the minimum age requirements per discipline aligned with the IF regulations and approved by the IOC.
 8. The IOC shall prioritise allocation of quota places to athletes on an NOC and/or IF development pathway and those athletes participating in youth competitions.
 9. The NOCs have the exclusive authority for the selection of their respective athletes at the YOG, ensuring they fulfill the age requirements and eligibility criteria set by the respective IFs.
 10. The IOC shall ensure the allocation of equal number of quota places for women and men across the disciplines.

Based on the above, the ITTF has issued these criteria

- Athletes must be born on or after 1 January 2009.

- To be eligible to participate in the Dakar 2026 Youth Olympic Games, all athletes must have participated in at least one ITTF sanctioned event between 25 October 2025 and 25 June 2026 prior to the Dakar 2026 Youth Olympic Games.

3 ELIGIBILITY

- a. Singapore Citizen
- b. No outstanding dues to STTA
- c. Fulfil the eligibility under the regulations from the International Olympic Council (IOC)
- d. Athletes must be born on or after 1 January 2009.
- e. He or she has not been suspended and/or has any disciplinary issues recorded by STTA.

4 STTA SELECTION COMMITTEE

The Selection Committee comprises of the following members:

- i. Melvin Lim Chairman
- ii. Jason Woon Member
- iii. Ong Bok Liong Member

5 SELECTION CRITERIA

Singles Event (1 quota per country)

Depending on the quota that is offered, the Selection Committee will select the highest ranked male or female player for the singles event, based on the latest ITTF Under-17 World Ranking on the date of the selection committee meeting. The selection committee meeting will be held **two weeks before the NSA Nomination Deadline 15 July 2026**.

Mixed Doubles

There is no information on the selection criteria for Mixed Doubles from IOC. the selection criteria for Mixed Doubles will be determined and updated once the Technical Handbook is available.

6 OTHER CONSIDERATIONS

In addition to the above selection criteria, the following “qualities” of the athlete will be taken into consideration:

- Attitude and behavior towards coaches, teammates, fellow athletes, officials and sports administrators, ***whether in relation to sporting matters or otherwise***.
- General conduct ***and character*** which may affect the reputation, image, values or best interests of the athlete or the sport.
- **Past disciplinary record;**
- Current skill level and fitness; **and character**
- Level of commitment and attendance.
- Potential for future development;
- Ability to demonstrate team spirit and work well with teammates and officials; and
- Such other non-performance related qualities as the selectors may consider to be relevant.

7 SELECTION PROCESS

- i. The selection policy will be published at www.stta.org.sg. The Selection Committee meeting will be held **two weeks before the NSA Nomination Deadline 15 July 2026** to select the player based on the above criteria. The latest ITTF Under-17 World Ranking on the date of the Selection Committee meeting will be used in the selection process.
- ii. Player who is selected for YOG has to fulfill all training requirements set by the Head Coaches for National Men’s and Women’s team. For Intermediate Squad or SWS player who is selected, he or she has to join national team training.

- iii. The Selection Committee reserves the right to change or withdraw the selected player before YOG (subject to approval from SNOC).

Reasons may be due to the following:

- a) Injury;
- b) Current performance;
- c) Disciplinary Issues

8 CODE OF CONDUCT

- i. Selected player has to abide by the code of conduct listed in the STTA's athlete agreement and SNOC's team membership agreement.
- ii. If the selected player exhibits behaviour before, during and after the YOG that maybe considered damaging to the image of Singapore team. The matter will be reported to SNOC and STTA Disciplinary Committee. The player may have to take responsibility for the total cost of the event (travel, hospitality and entry fees). There may be further action such as suspension from future local and overseas competitions based on the severity of the incident.

9 APPEAL PROCESS

The Appeals Committee comprises of the following members:

- i. Ms Aw Wenni Chairman
- ii. Mr Henry Liew Member
- iii. Ms Tay Aili Member

- i. Appeal against the non-selection must be made in writing to the Chief Executive Officer, Singapore Table Tennis Association at 5 Stadium Drive, #03-40 OCBC Arena Singapore 397631 within 48 hours of the announcement of the players selected for YOG.
- iii. The sole ground for any appeal is that the selection process was not properly followed.
- iv. An appeal must be made in writing with supporting documentation and must be accompanied by a deposit of S\$100.00, payable to the Singapore Table Tennis Association. If the appeal is successful, the deposit will be refunded in full.
- v. There will be an Appeal Committee (comprising of members not involved in the actual selection process) to investigate the issues of the appeal with all involved parties.

- vi. STTA will, in writing, inform all parties about the Appeal Committee's decision to either uphold or reject the appeal. The decision of the Appeal Committee will be final and no further correspondence will be entertained.

10 TIMELINE

| Date | Milestone |
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| 1-Jun-26 | Long list and Nomination phase begins |
| 15-Jul-26 | Longlist and Nomination Deadline (NSA) |
| 20-Aug-25 | SNOC Selection Committee Meeting |
| 21-Aug-25 | Appeal process starts |
| 1-Sep-26 | Appeal Deadline |
| 10-Sep-26 | Appeal Committee Meeting |
| 18-Sep-26 | Entry by Name Form Deadline (NSA) |
| 31-Oct-26 | Opening Ceremony |
| 13-Nov-26 | Closing Ceremony |

Approved By STTA's Management Committee on 19 May 2026